AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6 (Cancelled).

7. (New) An apparatus for outputting audio information of contents in a form of sound, comprising:

a reading unit that reads information of the contents from a recording medium on which the contents are recorded;

a retrieving unit that retrieves identification information unique to each recording medium, the identification information created based on the information read;

a creating unit that creates identification information for a recording medium for which the identification information has not been retrieved by the retrieving unit; and

an output unit that outputs sound identified by the identification information.

8. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the output unit outputs the sound identified by the identification information prior to output of the audio information of the contents.

9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the creating unit creates the identification information by determining values of parameters at random.

10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the creating unit creates the identification information by determining values of parameters based on the information read.

11. (New) A method of outputting audio information of contents in a form of sound, comprising:

reading information of the contents from a recording medium on which the contents are recorded;

retrieving identification information unique to each recording medium, the identification information created based on the information read;

creating identification information for a recording medium for which the identification information has not been retrieved at the retrieving; and

outputting sound identified by the identification information.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the outputting includes outputting the sound identified by the identification information prior to output of the audio information of the contents.

13. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the creating includes creating the identification information by determining values of parameters at random.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the creating includes creating the identification information by determining values of parameters based on the information read.

15. (New) A computer-readable recording medium that stores therein a computer program for outputting audio information on contents as sound, the computer program making a computer execute:

receiving information on contents that has been converted into an electronic form;

retrieving identification information unique to each recording medium, the identification information created based on the information read;

creating identification information for a recording medium for which the identification information has not been retrieved at the retrieving; and

instructing a sound generator to output sound identified by the identification information.

16. (New) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 15, wherein

the outputting includes outputting the sound identified by the identification information prior to output of the audio information of the contents.

17. (New) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 15, wherein

the creating includes creating the identification information by determining values of parameters at random.

18. (New) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 15, wherein

the creating includes creating the identification information by determining values of parameters based on the information read.